

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS TO FARMERS

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any step to provide fertilizers and chemicals to poor farmers at reasonable rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): With the objective of making available fertilizers at affordable prices to all farmers including poor farmers, urea, being the only controlled fertilizer, is sold at statutorily notified maximum retail price (MRP), and the decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, such as DAP, MOP and NPK complexes are sold at indicative MRPs. MRP of single super phosphate is indicated by the respective State Governments.

As regards chemicals, it is stated that as the chemical industry has been de-regulated, there is no Government control on production, distribution and pricing of chemicals.